

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 732

By Rochelle

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Bethney Leah Hale,
2002 Salutatorian of DeKalb County High
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Miss Bethney Leah Hale is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2002 graduating class at DeKalb County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Miss Hale has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, she has earned an exemplary 4.0 Grade Point Average; and

WHEREAS, due to her outstanding commitment to academic excellence, Miss Hale has earned numerous honors and awards, including Miss DeKalb County High School, the Spanish I and II Awards, the Algebra I and II Awards, the Physical Science Award, Honorable Mention in

the 2001 DeKalb County High School Science Fair, the English I Award and the title of Miss FBLA; and

WHEREAS, a multi-talented individual, Miss Hale possesses tremendous athletic ability as she has participated on the high school tennis and basketball teams; throughout her athletic career, Miss Hale garnered numerous honors including the DeKalb County High School Girls' Basketball Team Most Valuable Player Award for the 2001-2002 season and she has also received the TSSAA Athletic Academic Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, a gifted vocalist, Miss Hale excels in her efforts with the high school chorus, earning several awards, including the 2000 Best Overall Female Chorus Student; and

WHEREAS, highly respected as a leader among her peers, Miss Hale has served as Vice President of her Senior class, as President of her Junior class and as a four-year member of the Student Council; and

WHEREAS, she is active in numerous scholastic organizations, including the Spanish Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Golden Stars, the Future Business Leaders of America and Youth Leadership DeKalb; and

WHEREAS, an active member of her community, Miss Hale participates in numerous community service organizations, including the National Beta Club; and

WHEREAS, a young lady of impeccable character, Miss Hale is an integral part of the Salem Baptist Church Youth Group, where she has participated in the Youth Choir; in addition, she has served as the Assistant Director of Vacation Bible School and as a Church Training Teacher; and

WHEREAS, Bethney Leah Hale's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as she plans to attend Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Miss Hale's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Jamie and Carol Hale, grandparents, Edward and Gloria Hale and Jack and Anne Campbell, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Miss Hale's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2002 DeKalb County High School Salutatorian, Bethney Leah Hale, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.